

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Stephen Barnett, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Councilor Kenneth Austin was absent.

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Chief O'Sullivan introduced Officer Tim Coy, and his new K9 partner Thor. The Chief stated that Officer Coy's former K9 partner Jary was approved for retirement after 10 years and nine months of dedicated service.

Bob Smith of the Johnson County Health Department had questions regarding e-cigarette & vaping in the city of Franklin public areas. Mr. Smith stated that he had looked through our current ordinance, and could not find anything addressing this issue. A discussion was held.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 4, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Ordinance No.: 16-06 An Ordinance Regulating Traffic, Vehicles, Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this was introduced at the last council meeting. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one

asked to speak. Ms. Myers stated that this ordinance does include fines so it will need to be advertised 30 days before it takes effect. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 16-07 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2010-03 Regulating the Placement, Collection, and Disposal of Garbage, Trash, Refuse, Yard Waste, White Goods and Heavy Trash within the City of Franklin - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this was introduced at the last council meeting. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-05 An Additional Appropriation to Fund the Position of Public Relations & Marketing Director - Mayor McGuinness stated in the last few months his office has been unable to keep up with all of the different projects going on. The Mayor stated they need assistance with social media, public relations and marketing with all of the construction projects that are in process. A discussion was held. This item will be brought back at the May 2nd meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-06 A City of Franklin Budgetary Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-15 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2016 (Civil City) – Mayor McGuinness stated this budgetary ordinance is necessary in order to add the position of Public Relations & Marketing Director that was requested above. This will be brought back at the May 2nd meeting.

Request Approval of Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward and read the tax abatement compliance reports for 2015. Ms. Linke stated that the following compliance reports are ready for review, and approval, which is the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission (EDC): C2016-03 PBRex Healthcare Packaging; C2016-04 Caterpillar; C2016-15 Heartland Machine; C2016-16 Hetsco; C2016-19 JM Stevens Enterprises; C2016-20 KYB Industries; C2016-21 Laugle Properties; C2016-22 Dualtech, Inc.; C2016-23 Laugle Properties; C2016-24 Laugle Properties; C2016-25 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries; C2016-27 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries;

C2016-28 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries; C2016-29 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries; C2016-30 Mitsubishi Engine North America; C2016-31 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries; C2016-32 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. Ms. Linke stated these are ready for council approval. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Changes to Police Department Rules & Regulations Chapter Six - Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan came forward and explained these changes to the council. Chief O'Sullivan stated that these changes were to bring the Rules and Regulations in line with the new employee handbook. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz told the council that 635 people attended the Google Conference at Franklin Community High School this past weekend. He also stated that the 2017 conference will be held in Franklin again, and is scheduled for April 8th & 9th of next year. The only negative comments he heard were about the lack of hotels & motels in Franklin. The comments regarding the local shops and restaurants were great. Councilor Wertz also stated that there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m., in Council Chambers.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 4/21/2016

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

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